GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4151
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARA NEE FOR UNDERGROUND MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western Coalfielris Ltd. (WCL) has not taken the required No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Environment and Forests for carrying out underground mining in Chandrapuv district of Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the manner in which WCL initiated mining ;

(c) the quantity of coal extracted from these mines till date and the amount earned on account of it ;

(d) whether the Government proposes to lake action against the WCL; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAY ANA RAO)

(a)&(b) : Mining operation in the underground coal mines of Chandrapur district is being continued since nationalization wel`: before EIA Notification, 1994 of Ministry of Environment and Forests came into effect. As per the Notification, environmental clearance is mandatory for the mines opened after 27.1.1994 and for operating mines, it is required to be obtained at the time of renewal of lease.

(c): Coal production and sale value from underground mines of Chandrapur district are as under:-

Year	Production (tonnes)	Sale value(Rs. Lacs)
2002-03	1774295	16600.34
2003-04	1827305	18186.09
2004-05	1780(00	20733.48
2005- (upto Get, 2006)	1031603	12726.07

(d)&(e) : Does not arise in view of reply at (a) & (b) above.